

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A combination comprising:

- a) at least one adhesive sheet comprising a top adhesive face, a bottom adhesive face, and four sides;
- b) a UV-impermeable material applied to at least ~~each~~ both of said faces or entirely enclosing said at least one adhesive sheet;

wherein at least one of said top adhesive face and said bottom adhesive face comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive composition based on an elastomer resin;

wherein said at least one adhesive sheet can be released from a substrate to which it has been adhered by stretching said at least one adhesive sheet in the direction of the bond formed between said at least one adhesive sheet and said substrate; and

wherein the UV-impermeable material comprises at least one of the following:

- i) at least one UV-impermeable release liner sheet applied to and covering at least said top adhesive face and said bottom adhesive face over their entire adhesive areas;

ii) a UV-impermeable individual adhesive sheet package comprising a package of UV-impermeable material completely enclosing one of said adhesive sheets in UV-impermeable material; and

iii) a UV-impermeable outer package comprising an outer package of UV-impermeable material completely enclosing at least one of said adhesive sheets in UV-impermeable material, wherein said outer package further comprises at least one transparent packing element.

2. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 240–280 nm is below 2%.

3. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 1, wherein the ~~sheetlike~~ liner sheet materials and/or the outer package and/or the individual package are partly or fully transparent.

4. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 3, wherein the ~~transparent sheetlike~~ liner sheet materials and/or the outer package and/or the individual package are partly or fully colored.

5. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 1, wherein the ~~sheetlike~~ liner sheet materials ~~have~~ has been formulated to be adhesive in a contact region with the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition.

6. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 5, wherein the ~~sheetlike~~ liner sheet materials in the contact region with the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprise a silicone release agent.

7. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the outer package comprises a sealing film, a sealing paper, or a metal foil.

8. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which comprises an individual package wherein the individual pack comprises a transparent packaging film.

9. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ at least one adhesive sheet has pressure-sensitive adhesive composition on both sides.

10. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises natural rubber or synthetic rubber.

11. (Currently amended) A method of packaging at least one adhesive sheet comprising

- a) providing at least one adhesive sheet and a pack and
- b) enclosing said at least one adhesive sheet in said pack,

wherein said at least one adhesive sheet comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive

composition based on an elastomer resin on one or both sides; and wherein said at least one adhesive sheet can be released from a substrate to which it has been adhered by stretching said at least one adhesive sheet in the direction of the bond formed between said at least one adhesive sheet and said substrate; and wherein said pack is UV-impermeable, and comprises at least one of the following:

- i) liner sheet ~~sheet-like liner materials~~ covering regions of said pressure sensitive adhesive composition;
- ii) an individual package enclosing said adhesive sheet, said individual package comprising transparent packaging elements; and
- iii) an outer package enclosing a plurality of said adhesive sheets.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising storing at least one adhesive sheet in said pack.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising transporting at least one adhesive sheet in said pack.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising selling at least one adhesive sheet in said pack.

15. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 2, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength

range 280–320 nm is below 1%.

16. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 280-320 nm is below 2%.

17. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 16, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 280-320 nm is below 1%.

18. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 320-360 nm is below 5%.

19. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 18, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 320-360 nm is below 2%.

20. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 1, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 360-420 nm is below 80%.

21. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 20, which is UV-

impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 360-420 nm is below 20%.

22. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 20, which is UV-impermeable such that its transmission for electromagnetic radiation in the wavelength range 360-420 nm is below 2%.

23. (Currently amended): The combination of claim 5, wherein the liner sheet ~~and the release~~ sheetlike liner materials comprises a release paper or a release film.

24. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 10, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises styrene block copolymers.